Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the secrecy about this?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There is absolutely no secrecy. It is only an ordinary routine work of the Department.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether this House has not a right to question whether the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars have properly used their discretion?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. But the request of the Hon'ble Member was that a list of all cases of unregistered leases must be placed before the House and I submitted that it was not a practical proposition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know how many such cases there are?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Can the Government say that all the registered deeds are genuine?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Are the Government aware that the Rationing Order and the Verumpattamdars' Act actually synchronise?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It may be so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Are the Government aware that the wives of certain editors of news-papers in Trichur are doing actual cultivation work miles off from Trichur on Pankupattam and Varam leases?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I am not aware of any particular instance.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to get a list of such cases.

Mr. President: Order, order. I suggest that if the Hon'ble Member is aware of cases in which irregularities are being committed he should supply the Hon'ble Member for Food Supplies with such information in order that a proper investigation may be made.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: This can be easily found out if he inquires.

Mr. President: Order, order.

GRAIN PURCHASE—COMPLAINTS REGARDING

185. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of cases under the Food Control (Grain Purchase) Order complained of by the Parvathiam of Minalur and Peringandoor villages, Talappilli Taluk;

(*b*) will they please state the quantity of grain or rice involved in each;

(*c*) will they please state whether any of such complaints have been referred by the Police after investigation and the grounds for such reference;

(*d*) will they please inform whether the complaints were lodged with the Police under the orders of the Grain Purchase Tahsildar;

(*e*) will they kindly inform whether ration cards issued to the family of the accused in any such cases were taken into custody by any authority; if so, number of days the family or families have been deprived of the use of such cards, the officer by whom and on what authority these cards were taken into custody?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: (*a*) Four.

(*b*) Quantity of paddy involved:

(1) 9,341 paras
(2) about 200 paras
(3) 20 paras
& (4) 2 paras.

(*c*) Yes.

Case No. 2 was referred, as mistake of fact.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No ration cards have been taken into custody but in the case No. 4 the ration was suspended till 1st Thulam 1120. This was done because the card-holder had with him paddy required for consumption for the above period.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Has any one of these cases been prosecuted?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. Case No. 3 was prosecuted and fined Rs. 100.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnthukavu):* What about the other cases? There are four.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The last case is under investigation. Case No. 1 was withdrawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the complaint in all these cases?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* In case No. 1 the complaint was non-submission of the return. In case No. 2 some paddy was found in the possession of a certain person which he said was sold to him by one landlord. He denied it. There was not sufficient evidence to show that it was sold by the landlord. So it was referred. The third was corrected. The 4th is the case where a person was seen carrying about 3 paras of paddy. When he was questioned he said it was purchased from somebody else. That is under investigation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the name of the party involved in the first case?

Mr. President: Is it wise to ask for names? I suggest that it is much better to keep names out of the discussions in this House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether it was not a case of a very influential individual of the locality who was excused with regard to his non-complying to submit the statement regarding 9,341 paras of paddy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* He is a prominent landlord of the locality. I don't know whether he is influential or not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Had that anything to do with the withdrawal of the case?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Certainly not.

186. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

If an article in the "Jenmabhumi" paper dated 6th Thulam 1120 requesting the Government to institute a public enquiry regarding grain purchase has come to their notice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

Yes. A full and complete enquiry is made whenever an authentic complaint is received and Government are always alive to the need for improving the efficiency of the administration.

187. Mr. C. K. Nayar *(Nemmara):*

ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ അഡീഷനൽ താസിൽദാർ ഫ്രം ടു ഓഫ് തുലാം ടു ഫ്രാങ്കിയിൽ P നമ്പർ നു/ടു ഓ എന്നക്രമത്തിൽ അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കല്പനയിലെ ഉള്ളടക്കമെന്തെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

കല്പനയുടെ പകർപ്പ് താഴെ ചേർക്കുന്നു.— "Ref: പത്തൂർ വില്ലേജിൽ കുറിക്കാട്ടുപാറമ്പിൽ കുഞ്ഞിരാമൻ കറപ്പണ്ണി പത്തൂർ വില്ലേജിൽ ഇറക്കിയിരുന്ന വിരിപ്പുവിള നിയമാനുസരണം അപേക്ഷ ബോധിപ്പിക്കാതെ കൊയ്തെടുത്തതു സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള മേൽനടവടി.

കക്ഷി ഫ്രം ടു ഓഫ് തുലാം ടു നമ്പർ ബുധനാഴ്ച പകൽ ഫ്രം മണിക്ക് മ. രാ രാ. ഫുഡ് സപ്ലൈസ് ഡപ്യൂട്ടി ഡയറക്ടർ അവർകളുടെ എറണാകുളം കച്ചേരിയിൽ ഹാജരായിക്കൊള്ളേണ്ടതാകുന്നു."

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഇങ്ങിനെ നിയമത്തിനു വിരോധമായിട്ടോ, നിയമത്തിനു യോജിക്കാത്ത തരത്തിലോ പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നവരെ ഒക്കെ, തന്റെ മുമ്പിലോ മറ്റു വല്ലപേരുടേയും മുമ്പിലോ ഹാജരാകുവാനുള്ള സമൻസ് അയക്കുവാൻ തഹശീൽദാരന്മാരെ അധികാരപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The facts are these. He failed to give notice to the Tahsildar about harvesting his crops and he was asked to show cause why he should not be prosecuted after which the Tahsildar reported that he should be prosecuted. He was a small land-holder. So I thought that it was not a fit case for prosecution. So I asked the Tahsildar to ask the party to come over here and I heard his explanation. It was for this purpose that the notice was served. It was served, he came and he was excused.

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